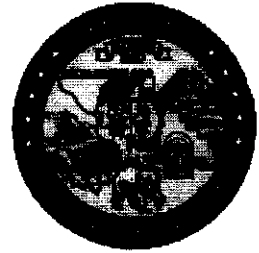


# County of San Luis Obispo

## Department of Veterans Services



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**RE:** Background and Guidelines for the San Luis Obispo Stand Down May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**WHO:** Hundreds of volunteers and professionals give their time and expertise to address the unique needs of low income/at risk veterans in San Luis Obispo County. Those groups in attendance include but are not limited to: Veteran service organizations, National Guard and Reserve units, low income/at risk shelter programs, health care providers, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, veteran-helping-veteran programs, and concerned citizens from the community organize and stage the events.

**WHAT:** The concept of the Stand Down is a time when troops can come home from battle to a place of safety and rest. Our Stand Down will be a way to welcome all veterans, especially those returning from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. For 24 hours, we will provide a place where our returning warriors can access resources, receive services like medical care, legal services, employment services, and spiritual and mental care.

**WHERE:** San Luis Obispo's Veteran's Memorial Building at 801 Grand Ave. San Luis Obispo.

**WHY:** The Stand Down is a way for the community to express concern for veterans in a tangible and positive way. Many community organizations and individuals are looking for ways to help and welcome our veterans and the Stand Down offers a focal point for the community's attention, resources, and commitment to help.

**WHEN:** The Stand Down will be held over a 24 hour period the evening of May 18<sup>th</sup> and ending the afternoon of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

We welcome your suggestions and contributions to this event.

If you have any questions, please call (805) 781-5766 and ask to speak to Travis Rochelle, our Outreach Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Dana Cummings  
Veterans Service Officer